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## General Comment

I am troubled by the potential exemption of certain religious organizations from providing preventive health care services for women. If I understand the amendment correctly, the exemption would apply to religious organizations who employ people primarily who agree with their religious beliefs, however, it is impossible for entities who employ women or who cover spouses and daughters of men to know if 100% of covered lives agree with their religious teachings regarding contraception. Use of contraception is a private matter between a woman and her physician, and no employer should have the right to deny any woman the ability to make her own choices in this regard. Please reconsider this amendment.